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SUBJECT: LAWSUIT PLANNED AGAINST GOI

1. COUNSEL FOR STRICK TRAILERS, OWNER OF MED SPAN SHIPPING LINES, HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT IT HAS SIGNED CONTRACT WITH MINY OF ROADS TO DELIVER WHITE TRUCKS DESCRIBED TEHRAN 3557 AND PREVIOUS AND HAS SHIPS UNDER CHARTER. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM STRICK OFFICIALS IN TEHRAN, MINISTRY IS BREAKING CONTRACT BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION FROM ARYA SHIPPING CO. TO USE OF FOREIGN CARRIER. STRICK PLANS FILE SUIT JUNE 14 AGAINST GOI FOR DOLS 42 MILLION AND ASK COURT ATTACH GOI ASSETS IN U.S., SPECIFICALLY GOLD BULLION IN NEW YORK BANK.

2. WE HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT BEFORE FILING SUIT STRICK HAVE ITS OFFICIALS IN TEHRAN SEEK EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING WHETHER DECISION BREAK CONTRACT FINAL. OFFICIALS ARE SOL KATZ AND MARTIN BACKMAN AT INTER-CONTINENTAL. SISCO

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